

A Vision of Jesus Feeding His Flock Through His Word

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I saw Jesus taking fresh bread from the scriptures and feeding His flock. I then saw a banquet table, full of delicious, abundant food, set for His people.

We, as ministers of the Gospel, are called to be good stewards whom the Master has put in charge of His flock. We are called to “give them their rations at ***the proper time***” (Luke 12:42). It is the Spirit of Christ who dictates what is to be served to the followers of Christ and when. This is why we must receive revelation from Him concerning the scriptures. We are not to teach and talk about what we want to talk about. We must distribute the Bread when He wants to. The content and the timing of His rations are decided by Him.

As we follow the Spirit, feeding the flock of Jesus Christ through His word, we will be blessed (Luke 12:43) if we are faithful in this way until He comes.

Getting off track, preaching what other preachers are preaching, preaching out of books, preaching out of our own heads, rather than receiving revelation in, by, and through the Holy Spirit as He leads us through our study of His word, is not faithful stewardship, and it will ultimately be judged.

We need to ask ourselves when the last time was that the Lord filled our hearts with revelation. If it has been longer than 30 days, we need to run to Him and seek His face and cry out for His Fresh Bread, the revelation of Jesus, that is provided by His Spirit. His Holy Spirit was sent to lead us into all truth (John 16:13), and Jesus said that “I am the way, the truth, and the life...” (John 14:6). A minister of the Gospel is called upon to receive truth from the Holy Spirit about Jesus on a continual basis in order that the flock, His Church, can be nourished and grow up to maturity in the Lord.

Paul wrote the following to the Church at Ephesus:

Ephesians 4:11–13 (NASB95)

¹¹ And He gave some *as* apostles, and some *as* prophets, and some *as* evangelists, and some *as* pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith, ***and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.***

It is impossible for the Church to attain the measure of stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ, without a minister preaching/teaching, and demonstrating what the Spirit and His word reveal concerning ***“the knowledge of the Son of God.”*** Jesus Christ.

Paul began his letter telling the Ephesians how he was praying for them:

Ephesians 1:15–18 (NASB95)

¹⁵ For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which *exists* among you and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶ do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention *of you* in my prayers; ¹⁷ **that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.** ¹⁸ **I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling,** what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints...

Clearly, Paul realized that revelation from Father, through His Holy Spirit, was essential for them to grow in the *knowledge of Him*. Reading and re-reading his letter wasn't going to get them where they needed to be. They needed supernatural revelation that comes in, by and through the Holy Spirit. If it was true for the Church in Ephesus, it is true for the entire Body of Christ today.

Paul's prayer should be our prayer for ourselves and for those whom the Holy Spirit has called us to minister to. There is no other way; revelation from the Holy Spirit is essential.

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